

## MINDY OF THE COUNTRY

"Mindy, Mindy, wake up. It's time to do your chores," [off/ ring/ said] Mom. She had a sleepy grin [on/ be/ cab] her face. Mindy smelled bacon and [done/ light/ eggs] cooking in the kitchen. She hoped Mom [was/ come/ on] making buttery biscuits, too. They were [disk/ her/ news] favorite. She got out of bed [tang/ and/ rock] dressed. It was still dark outside [we/ art/ so] she turned on the light to [find/ why/ for] her shoes. Then Mindy washed her [may/ chop/ face]. She tied her long, brown hair [do/ fan/ into] a ponytail. The Kerr family ate breakfast together [clean/ every/ going] morning. It was sometimes hard to [eat/ rose/ pink] at 5:30. Mindy tried to eat because [sir/ car/ she] knew she would need strength. Mindy's [two/ con/ sing] brothers were in charge of feeding [the/ met/ do] horses. Mr. Kerr worked in the [price/ stroll/ fields] with the heavy equipment. Mindy milked [yell/ the/ hop] cows, fed chickens, and collected eggs from [the/ done/ rest] hen house. Mrs. Kerr spent the [bad/ day/ sit] cleaning the house. She also was [eye/ bed/ in] charge of balancing the bank figures. [It/ Saw/ You] took hard work from everyone [got/ all/ to] run their big farm.

Mindy liked [snoop/ sorry/ living] in the country. Sometimes, though, she [wanted/ collar/ deeds] to visit the city. She wanted [on/ to/ job] wear a dress and perhaps go [to/ did/ he] the movies.

Then her cousin, Pam, [looks/ called/ dollar] and asked her to come

visit. Pam [know/ lived/ words] in the big city. Mindy was [so/ for/ in] excited that she could hardly sleep [beat/ dock/ that] night. The next day she packed [hood/ her/ was] suitcase and hugged Mom and Dad goodbye. "[Be/ I/ So] will see you in a few [see/ gone/ days]," she told them.

Mindy arrived at [buy/ copy/ the] city later that day. She stared [at/ and/ tag] the tall buildings. She and Pam [name/ grab/ went] to see a movie. But Mindy [that/ began/ know] to get homesick because she missed [the/ fame/ plot] farm.

That night, Mindy could not go [on/ him/ to] sleep. The traffic was so noisy [choose/ which/ that] she laid a pillow over her [head/ sharp/ bells]. The next morning she had to [keep/ plop/ wait] for Pam to wake up. Pam [slept/ asks/ sight] until 7:00.

Mindy had fun in [come/ the/ sit] city but she was ready to [for/ go/ tot] home. She hugged Mom and Dad. "[I/ Go/ As] had fun," said Mindy. "Thanks for letting [lop/ do/ me] go. I still like the farm [your/ hurt/ more]. I like being a farm girl."